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SUBJECT: CEASEFIRE BECOMING A REALITY INSHA'ALLA

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1. BEIRUT SPENT ITS QUIETEST NIGHT IN NEARLY TWO WEEKS. SPORADIC TROUBLE OCCURRED DURING THE NIGHT OF SEPT 27-28, ESPECIALLY IN THE USUAL CONFRONTATION ZONES OF EAST BEIRUT, BUT NONE OF THESE DEVELOPED INTO A SERIOUS CLASH. THE CAPITAL IS RELATIVELY CALM THIS SUNDAY MORNING, SEPT 28, AND HOPES ARE HIGH THAT THE CEASEFIRE IS BECOMING MORE EFFECTIVE. THE REPLACEMENT OF PRIVATE MILITIAMEN BY INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES AT BARRICADES IN THE CITY IS PROCEEDING. THE AIRPORT ROAD IS OPEN, AND AIRPORT OPERATIONS ARE NEAR NORMAL DESPITE CONTINUING SHORTAGE OF JET FUEL.

2. NEWSPAPER HEADLINES SEPT 28 FEATURED NEWS OF RENEWED TROUBLE BETWEEN MOSLEMS AND CHRISTIANS IN THE ZGHORTA AREA OF NORTH LEBANON. AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, HOWEVER, THIS CLASH HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CONTAINED BY THE ARMY AND THE REGION IS NOW REASONABLY CALM. BEKAA ALSO APPARENTLY QUIET.

3. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE ACTIVITY ON THE POLITICAL FRONT SINCE REFTEL, AS EVERYONE EYES TOMORROW'S SECOND SESSION OF THE "NATIONAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE." GODLEY

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